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Dear Department Of Justice:

It is my belief that your settlement with Microsoft is more than fair. In fact I believe that being a person that has followed the case detail by detail from the start that this case against Microsoft should have never been brought in the first place.

Further I believe it was the other large software companies that by their own doings couldn't build a better product and spent their energy and money instead in the government arena to try and delete the only competition they had, Microsoft.

I have for the past 5 years used and owned stock in AOL. They have a good product but it is just not right for them to use the courts and our government to try and defeat Microsoft. They should spend their (AOL) time and resources rather to build a better product and service. The freedom to compete is what this country is all about. You don't see Microsoft crying foul! The people of the world are better served by allowing all companies to compete. Yes, there will be a winner maybe and a loser but that doesn't mean we don't let the winner win.

Let the consumer decide with their dollars who they want to do business with. We don't need our government deciding for us.

I say the same thing I have from the start.. "Leave Microsoft Alone" Our country will be a better place for it. Beyond that I feel it is more than generous of Microsoft to give computer support to our schools.

Regards,  
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